

PARK END PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

September
2024

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

The children's attendance is of a high priority to us at Park End. Research shows that children who take absences have a lower level of attainment at the end of Primary School. We want our children in school to give them the best opportunities in life.

FINES

The fine for holidays of five days or more increased in August 2024 to £80 per parent per child. The fine is issued by the local authority (not the school). This is under section 444 of the Education Act 1996. This is the law. Fines increase if not paid immediately and there is the risk of parents being prosecuted at court by the Local Authority.

AUTUMN DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Week beginning 14th Oct: Parents' evening
- 14th Oct: Peter Pan production in school
- 24th Oct: Last day of autumn 1 term
- 25th Oct - 1st Nov: Half term



HOLIDAYS

We discourage all parents from taking their child out of school during term time to take holidays.

The expectation of the Local Authority is that term-time holidays should not be planned or booked.

Term time holidays may lead to the issuing of a penalty fine. If there are exceptional circumstances then the holiday may be authorised and no fine will be issued.

'Exceptional circumstances' does **not** include:

- Cheap holiday costs
- Visiting relatives abroad

The head teacher will decide if a holiday can be authorised.

Holiday request forms are always required; we follow our safeguarding procedures for all absence when a reason is not known.

Please contact Mrs L. Richardson if you would like some further information. Thank you for your continued support.



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